February 13, 1969

Dear Ed:

I much appreciated your letter of January 29 on the Nigerian civil war. Your thoughtful and informed counsel is always valuable, and especially so on this difficult question.

As you know, I have ordered a full and urgent review of the relief problem, including its political implications for our relations with Nigeria and Africa at large. Your views will be carefully considered in that study.

The National Security Council will be discussing Nigerian relief very soon, perhaps this week. I hope we can count on your continuing advice on this problem over the coming weeks and months.

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The Honorable Edward W. Brooke United States Senate Washington, D. C.

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